

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Unusually warm, dry weather dominated much of the State during the week, providing ideal harvest conditions for hay and row crop producers, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels continued to drop, with conditions now rated 30 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 33 percent last week, 52 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 31 percent. There were no reports of moisture accumulation at any weather station during the week. Average temperatures varied from 2 to 10 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 69 degrees at Eagle Nest to 97 degrees at Bitter Lakes and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 11 degrees at Eagle Nest to 48 degrees at Animas and Santa Teresa. Overall, emergence of the recently seeded winter wheat crop continued, although producers in some areas had concerns due to a lack of substantial soil moisture. Relatively, comments from a market news source suggested that some cattle producers were marketing cattle that would otherwise be overwintered on wheat pasture because crop development would be late due to present growing conditions. The dry weather benefitted harvest activities for alfalfa hay, red chile, corn for grain and silage, cotton, and peanuts. In Dona Ana County, hay producers had harvested approximately 10 percent of the 7th cutting of alfalfa hay. Additionally, reports indicated that pecan husks were splitting as the crop ripened. Pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent light, 45 percent moderate, and 35 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested.....	60	56	66	78
Chile				
Red harvested	48	45	51	33
Corn				
Dented	95	87	100	99
Mature	80	74	74	87
Harvested for grain	15	7	15	30
Harvested for silage.....	90	85	94	96
Cotton				
Bolls opening	82	78	94	92
Harvested.....	19	18	32	16
Peanuts				
Harvested.....	55	45	42	43
Sorghum				
Mature	63	46	78	53
Harvested.....	2	--	16	8
Winter wheat				
Emerged	93	73	68	81
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves.....	52	NA	67	NA
Sheep and lambes	51	NA	72	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.6	5.3	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	11	10	12	35
Short	59	57	36	34
Adequate	29	30	48	30
Surplus	1	3	4	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	8	9	NA
Short	34	33	24	NA
Adequate	56	58	64	NA
Surplus	1	1	3	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	--	7
Fair.....	28	29	11	33
Good	48	48	53	43
Excellent	20	19	36	15
Cotton				
Very poor	1	1	--	5
Poor.....	27	27	4	16
Fair.....	35	35	26	34
Good	31	31	60	31
Excellent	6	6	10	14
Pasture and range				
Very poor	3	3	4	29
Poor.....	20	20	8	24
Fair.....	44	44	32	27
Good	28	28	45	16
Excellent	5	5	11	4
Peanut				
Very poor	--	--	--	6
Poor.....	6	6	--	29
Fair.....	59	67	72	56
Good	35	27	28	9
Excellent	--	--	--	--
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	9	9	13	24
Good	42	42	77	53
Excellent	48	48	10	22
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	73	73	12	NA
Good	22	22	81	NA
Excellent	1	1	5	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	25	36	--	NA
Fair.....	34	39	39	NA
Good	27	8	52	NA
Excellent	14	17	9	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	34	34	24	NA
Good	53	53	62	NA
Excellent	7	7	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	15	NA
Fair.....	16	15	15	NA
Good	52	53	52	NA
Excellent	8	8	3	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_10232016.pdf